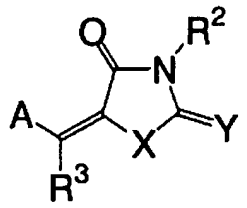
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition containing:

(A) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (1):



(1)

wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ~~ring~~ or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom; Y represents $N(R^1)$; R^1, R^2, and R^3 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; and A and R^1, R^2 or R^3 may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring;

(B) an initiator compound capable of generating a radical, an acid, or a base; and

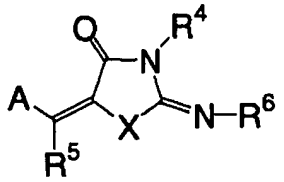
(C) a compound whose physical or chemical characteristic irreversibly changes by at least one of a radical, an acid, and a base,

wherein the initiator compound (B) is a hexaaryl biimidazole ~~or a bisacyl phosphine~~.

2. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing (D) a binder polymer.

3. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing (E-1) a cosensitizer.

4. (currently amended): A compound represented by the following formula (2):

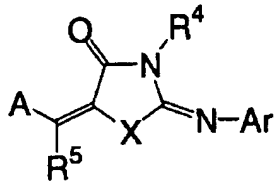


(2)

wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ~~ring~~ or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom; R^4 and R^5 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; R^6 ~~is~~ represents a substituted aryl group wherein the sum of the Hammett's values on the substituent group(s) of the substituted aryl group is greater than 0; and A and R^4, R^5 or R^6 may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring.

5. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition containing:

(A-1) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (3):



(3)

wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ~~ring~~ or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or $-N(R^1)-$; R^1, R^4 and R^5 each independently

represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; A and R^1, R^4 or R^5 may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring; and Ar represents an aromatic ring or heterocyclic ring having ~~a~~ at least one substituent group, ~~providing~~ provided that ~~substituent having a total for~~ the sum of the ~~Hamet's~~ Hammett's ~~value~~ values ~~of more~~ of the substituent group(s) on the Ar skeleton is greater than 0 ~~is present on the Ar skeleton~~;

(B-1) a hexaaryl biimidazole ~~or a bisacyl phosphine~~; and

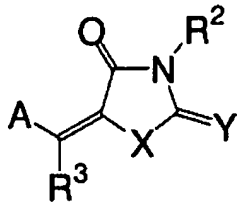
(C-1) an addition polymerizable compound capable of being reacted by at least one of a radical, an acid and a base.

6. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 5, further containing (D) a binder polymer.

7. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 5, further containing (E-1) a cosensitizer.

8. (currently amended): ~~The~~ A photosensitive composition ~~according to claim 1~~ containing:

(A) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (1):



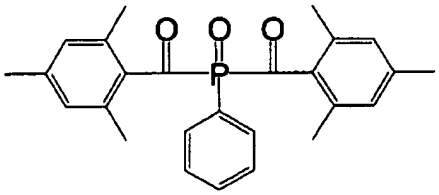
(1)

wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom; Y represents $N(R^1)$; R^1, R^2, and R^3 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; and A and R^1, R^2 or R^3 may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring;

(B) an initiator compound capable of generating a radical, an acid, or a base; and

(C) a compound whose physical or chemical characteristics irreversibly change by at least one of a radical, an acid, and a base,

wherein the initiator compound (B) is



(A-2)

9. (new): The compound according to claim 4, wherein R^6 represents a trifluoromethyl group, a carbonyl group, an ester group, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a sulfoxide group, an amide group, or a carboxyl group.